(*d*) are not Deputy Commissioner of Police and Officers of identical grade in the Police Department eligible to be appointed as District Superintendents of Police in the Travancore District; and

(*e*) has this principle been followed, if not why ?

Sri. E. John Philipose :

(*a*) Rs. 350—450.
Rs. 225—275.
Rs. 350—500.
Rs. 150—200.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) (1) Sri. Innocent Pappali, Deputy Commissioner of Police posted as Assistant Superintendent of Police, Alleppey.

(2) Sri. Sreenivasa Ayyar, Deputy Commissioner of Police is posted as acting D. S. P., Quilon.

(*d & e*) It is a matter of opinion.

SALES TAX

185. [20] **Sri. Eapen Arakkal :** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Finance be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware that sales tax is being levied from persons selling cocoanuts and copra grown on and obtained from their own landed properties;

(*b*) have any complaints been received by the Government on the matter;

(*c*) are such sales referred to in part (a) liable to sales tax; and

(*d*) is it not illegal to levy tax in such cases ?

Sri. A. J. John :

(*a*) No.
(*b*) No.
(*c*) No.
(*d*) Yes.

SALE OF MEDICINES BY MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS

186. [21] **Sri. Eapen Arakkal:** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Finance be pleased to state.—

whether the sale of medicines by private medical practitioners to their patients is subject to the levying of sales tax ?

Sri. A. J. John :

In Travancore, it is not subject to sales tax if the medicines are dispensed and sold by registered medical practioners to their patients in their own dispensaries, and if such dealers take out licences under the General Sales Tax Rules. In Cochin, it is subject to sales-tax.

RETRENCHMENT

187. [23] **Sri. Eapen Arakkal:** Will the Hon'ble Chief Minister be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether in the general retrenchment proposed to be effected soon any officers drawing Rs. 150 and above are likely to be sent out or whether only the employees in lower grades of service alone will be effected;

(*b*) will confirmed hands be subject to this scheme of retrenchment;

(*c*) is there any idea of reconsidering the confirmations of employees effected just before the Integration in Travancore and Cochin; and

(*d*) is it true that just on the eve of Integration all acting hands in Cochin have been confirmed with a view to escape retrenchment ?

Sri. A. J. John :

(*a*) The idea of Government is to retrench all unncessary posts which are not required for the efficient conduct of work, irrespective of scales of pay.

(*b*) Does not arise in view of the above answer.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) No.

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